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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Oliver NICKEL  
Serial No. : 09/431,849  
Filed : November 2, 1999  
For: MASKING STRIP AND THE USE THEREOF  
Art Unit : 1774  
Examiner : Lawrence Ferguson

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated July 27, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks: